

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1212
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deputy Jason Michael Scott of the Loudon County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has honored those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Deputy Jason Michael Scott of the Loudon County Sheriff's Department was most assuredly one such outstanding public servant, as he gave his life while protecting his community from those who sought to do it harm; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Scott was a three-year veteran of the Loudon County Sheriff's Department and truly enjoyed being a police officer; he evidenced uncommon dedication to his duties despite the long hours and the uncertain and often dangerous nature of his profession; and

WHEREAS, Jason Scott began his career in law enforcement at the age of 20 as a police reserve officer, riding in plain clothes with regular officers of the Loudon Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a native son of Loudon County, Jason Scott was a graduate of Loudon High School and was in the words of Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider, "a wonderful young man, very lively, very friendly and very outgoing."; and

WHEREAS, responding to a domestic disturbance, Deputy Jason Michael Scott ensured his indelible status as a hero to Tennesseans on the fateful day of March 12, 2004, when he made the ultimate sacrifice of his life while serving and protecting his fellow citizens of the State of Tennessee and Loudon County; and

WHEREAS, a loving husband and devoted family man, Jason and his wife, Joni, were expecting their first child at the time of his death and on March 23, 2004, his daughter, Jayden Nicole Scott, was born; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Deputy Scott attended New Macedonia Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Scott leaves behind a legacy of integrity and bravery in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional policeman and human being who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Deputy Jason Michael Scott of the Loudon County Sheriff's Department, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a police officer and a human being and his stalwart commitment to protecting and serving his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Deputy Scott, his friends and colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.